[Mr. V. Subba Aiyar.]

class of cases, do the officers concerned state any reasons for disbelieving the accounts?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 37.

(*b*) Rs. 5,675, chs. 4.

(*c*) Such information is confidential and cannot be disclosed. Collectors have instructions to record reasons for non-acceptance of accounts.

Rules of Procedure for Bench Magistrates' Courts.

337. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the absence of definite rules regarding the powers of the Magistrates individually and collectively of Bench Magistrates' Courts and the procedure to be adopted by those courts often tend to create difficulties and delay in the trial and disposal of cases; and

(*b*) whether, in view of the above fact, they will see, without delay, to the framing and publication of the rules in question?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) The matter will be looked into.

Bill re. Edavakais.

338. MR. L. R. RAJA RAJA VARMA KOIL TAMPURAN (*Edavakai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, about two years back, the Vanjipuzha Chief brought to the notice of the Government the necessity for an Edavakai Regulation;

(*b*) whether his request was considered and the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil was directed to draft a Bill; and

(*c*) if so, what progress the work has made since, and when the Bill will be published?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A Bill has been drafted by the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil and it awaits examination by the Government.

MR. L. R. RAJA RAJA VARMA KOIL TAMPURAN (*Edavakai*): When can we expect the Bill to come up?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): As early as possible. It cannot come up in the next session; in the session after that, it is likely to come up.

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